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Mr. Austin R. Evers American Oversight 1030 15<sup>th</sup> Street, N.W., Suite B255 Washington, D.C. 20005

RE: FOIA 19-00138-DD

Dear Mr. Evers:

This letter is the final response to your March 8, 2019, request for information that you sent to the Department of Energy (DOE) under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. § 552. You requested:

- All final talking points, decision memoranda, internal assessments, or email communications memorializing final decisions, containing any of the following key terms:
  - a) "Marshall Plan"
  - b) IP3
  - c) "International Peace, Power & Prosperity"
  - d) Barrack
  - e) "Iron Bridge"
  - f) Ironbridge
  - g) ACU
  - h) "Colony Northstar"
  - i) "Colony Capital"
  - i) 123

American Oversight requests that NNSA search the files of the following custodians for records responsive to this request:

- The Under Secretary for Nuclear Security/the Administrator for Nuclear Security, Lisa E. Gordon-Hagerty;
- Chief of Staff and Associate Principal Deputy Administrator William (Ike) White;
- Chief and Associate Administrator for Defense Nuclear Security Jeffrey R. Johnson; and
- Deputy Administrator for Defense Nuclear Nonproliferation Brent K. Park.



We contacted the FOIA POC for the NNSA Office of Policy, about your request. The Office of Policy searched and did not locate records responsive to your request. The Office of Policy asked the Office of Information Management to search for records. The Office of Information Management searched the emails of Lisa Gordon-Hagerty, William (Ike) White, Brent K. Park, and Jeffrey R. Johnson, for all final talking points, decision memoranda, internal assessments, or email communications memorializing final decisions, for the period between January 20, 2017 to April 8, 2019 (date search was conducted) using keywords and variations of keywords as stated in the request. No responsive records were located pertinent to this request.

This decision, as well as the adequacy of the search, may be appealed within 90 calendar days from your receipt of this letter pursuant to 10 C.F.R. § 1004.8. Appeals should be addressed to Director, Office of Hearings and Appeals, HG-1, L'Enfant Plaza, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20585-1615. The written appeal, including the envelope, must clearly indicate that a FOIA appeal is being made. You may also submit your appeal to OHA.filings@hq.doe.gov, including the phrase "Freedom of Information Appeal" in the subject line (This is the method preferred by the Office of Hearings and Appeals). The appeal must contain all of the elements required by 10 C.F.R. § 1004.8, including a copy of the determination letter. Thereafter, judicial review will be available to you in the Federal District Court either: 1) in the district where you reside; 2) where you have your principal place of business; 3) where DOE's records are situated; or 4) in the District of Columbia.

You may contact me, the NNSA's FOIA Public Liaison, Office of General Counsel, at 866-747-5994, or by mail at Department of Energy, National Nuclear Security Administration, Office of the General Counsel, P.O. Box 5400, Albuquerque, NM 87185 for any further assistance and to discuss any aspect of your request. Additionally, you may contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at the National Archives and Records Administration to inquire about the FOIA mediation services they offer. The contact information for OGIS is as follows: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001, e-mail at ogis@nara.gov; telephone at 202-741-5770; toll free at 1-877-684-6448; or facsimile at 202-741-5769.

There are no charges to you for processing your FOIA request.

If you have questions about the processing of this request, please contact Donna Del Rio by e-mail at <a href="mailto:donna.delrio@nnsa.doe.gov">donna.delrio@nnsa.doe.gov</a> or write to the address at the top of the first page. Please reference Control Number FOIA 19-00138-DD.

Sincerely,

Pamela Arias-Ortega

Authorizing and Denying Official

